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U.S. SECRET SERVICE STATEMENT REGARDING 2017 RUSSIAN FOREIGN SERVICE NATIONAL

(Washington, D.C.) In July 2017, upon notification from the U.S. State Department that a Foreign Service National (FSN) was going to have access to the U.S. Embassy Moscow terminated due to information developed during a scheduled periodic vetting process, the U.S. Secret Service initiated an internal review. The review included an examination of all systems commensurate with the FSNs roles, responsibilities and level of access. The review was initiated on the same date the U.S. Secret Service was notified of the pending action. The review resulted in the determination that no unusual activity occurred and there were no issues from a data exfiltration perspective. Further, the review revealed there was no evidence of unauthorized access to any U.S. Secret Service system conducted on behalf of the FSN outside the employee's normal roles and responsibilities.

To this date, the U.S. Secret Service has not been notified or provided any information to indicate a transfer of sensitive or classified information was disclosed to foreign nationals outside of disclosures made as part of official U.S. Secret Service business. The employee at no time had access to any classified information.

The U.S. Secret Service followed all appropriate and required protocols and procedures regarding this matter.

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